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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S OAS SPEECH

1. WOULD APPRECIATE CHANGES AND APPROVAL BY TUESDAY

MORNING OUR TIME.

1A. MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, AMBASSADORS AND PERMANENT

OBSERVERS OF THE OAS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

2. HACE TRES ANOS TUVE EL HONOR Y EL PRIVILEGIO

DE DAR LA BIENVENIDA A LOS DISTINGUIDOS CANCELLERES
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DEL HEMISFERIO, Y A MUCHOS DE UDS., EN LA OCASION DE LA

ASEMBLEA GENERAL DE LA OEA REUNIDA EN MI ESTADO NATAL

DE GEORGIA. ME SIENTO HONRADO EN TENER ESTA OPORTUNIDAD

DE HABLAR CON UDS. Y ASI PARTICIPAR PERSONALMENTE EN
LA OBRA CONSTRUCTIVA DE ESTA DISTINGUIDA ORGANIZACION.

3. IGUAL QUE EN ATLANTA, Y PARA EL BENEFICIO DE NUESTRAS
BUENAS RELACIONES, VOY A SEGUIR EL CONSEJO DE MIS
COLABORADORES QUE OPINAN SERIA MEJOR QUE YO NO HABLARA
EN ESPANOL,... -- OR PORTUGUESE OR FRENCH EITHER, FOR
THAT MATTER;

4. (NOTE: THE ABOVE IN TRANSLATION): THREE YEARS AGO
I HAD THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF WELCOMING THE DIS-
TINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND MANY
OF YOU, ON THE OCCASION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE OAS HELD IN MY NATIVE STATE OF GEORGIA. I AM
HONORED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU AND
TO TAKE PART MYSELF IN THE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF THIS

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DISTINGUISHED ORGANIZATION. AS IN ATLANTA, I WILL FOLLOW
THE ADVICE OF MY ASSOCIATES WHO HAVE SUGGESTED THAT
IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD RELATIONS IT WOULD BE BETTER
FOR ME NOT TO SPEAK IN SPANISH. END TRANSLATION

5. I RECALL SHARING WITH YOU THAT DAY IN ATLANTA SOME
OF THE THOUGHTS THAT MY WIFE AND I BROUGHT BACK FROM
OUR VISITS TO SEVERAL OF THE AMERICAN STATES REPRESENTED
IN THIS IMPRESSIVE HALL. PARTICULARLY I SPOKE OF OUR
"CONVICTION THAT A TOP PRIORITY OF OUR OWN NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT MUST ALWAYS BE OPTIMUM HARMONY BASED ON

MUTUAL RESPECT AND INTER-AMERICAN CONSULTATION AND
COOPERATION, AMONG BOTH THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF THIS
HEMISPHERE."

6. NOW THAT I SEEM TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE INFLUENCE
ON THE PRIORITIES OF OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THAN I
DID BACK THEN, LET ME SAY THAT THAT EARLIER CONVICTION
REMAINS AS STRONG. I AM CONVINCED
THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SATISFIED
WITH NOTHING LESS THAN THE MOST FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
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ALL THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE AMERICAS.
7.I CAME TO THE PRESIDENCY THREE MONTHS AGO WITH
BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY:
-- THAT OUR POLICIES WOULD BE AS OPEN AND DECENT
AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES;
-- THAT WE WOULD TREAT THE PEOPLES OF OTHER
COUNTRIES WITH THE SAME DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT WE
EXPECT FOR OURSELVES;
-- THAT AS PRESIDENT IT WOULD BE MY RESPONSIBILITY
TO ENSURE THAT THE MORAL CONVICTIONS OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE ARE FAITHFULLY REFLECTED IN THE CONDUCT OF
THEIR FOREIGN POLICY: BY WORKING FOR PEACE AND THE
CONTROL OF ARMS, BY ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC PROGRESS
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, BY SUPPORTING THE NATURAL ASPIRATIONS
OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE;

-- THAT THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY IN A MORE JUST

AND PEACEFUL WORLD ORDER, IN WHICH ALL THE NATIONS OF

THE WORLD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

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8. IN COMING BEFORE YOU AGAIN TODAY, TO CELEBRATE WITH

YOU THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE WORLD'S

OLDEST REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, I AM MAKING CLEAR MY

BELIEF "THAT THE HISTORIC MISSION OF AMERICA IS TO

OFFER TO MAN A LAND OF LIBERTY AND A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS PERSONALITY AND THE REALIZA-

TION OF HIS JUST ASPIRATIONS."

9. THESE WORDS FROM THE PREAMBLE TO OUR OAS CHARTER

EXPRESS TO MY MIND THE MAIN REASON FOR MY COUNTRY'S

COMMITMENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

10. AS TRADITIONAL AND GOOD NEIGHBORS, WE OF THE

AMERICAS SHARE A FAITH IN INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND SOCIAL

JUSTICE. THOSE VALUES CONCERN US IN EVERY COUNTRY;

THEY CONCERN US ABOVE ALL IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,

WHERE OUR PEOPLES SHARE CERTAIN BELIEFS ABOUT THE

ESSENTIAL CIVIL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF ALL MEN AND

WOMEN.

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11. OUR SOCIETIES ARE DIVERSE BUT ALIKE IN RESPECTING

DIVERSITY. WE HAVE JOINED TOGETHER FREELY UNDER THE OAS
CHARTER TO SEEK OUR COMMON GOALS: PEACEFUL COOPERATION,
REGIONAL SECURITY AND RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY.

12. NOW, AT THE START OF MY ADMINISTRATION, I REAFFIRM
OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE HEMISPHERIC GOALS.

13. I BELIEVE:

-- NO CITIZEN OF THIS HEMISPHERE SHOULD BE ABANDONED
IN POVERTY WITHOUT THE HOPE OF BETTERING HIS OWN AND
HIS FAMILY'S LIFE.

-- NO CITIZEN OF THIS HEMISPHERE SHOULD ENDURE
TORTURE, MURDER OR ARBITRARY IMPRISONMENT, NOR BE DENIED
OTHER FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- NO LEADER SHOULD PERMIT HIS PEOPLE TO SUFFER
THROUGH INDIFFERENCE.

14. FOR ALL OUR DIVERSITY IN SOCIETY AND THOUGHT, I
BELIEVE YOUR LEADERS AND PEOPLES SHARE THESE ASPIRATIONS.
I AM PREPARED TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE THEM A REALITY.

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15. WE HAVE SEEN IMMENSE CHANGES IN THIS HEMISPHERE
OVER THE PAST DECADE, IN MY COUNTRY NO LESS THAN IN
YOURS. THE ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH WE ALL FACE HAVE
BECOME CRITICALLY IMPORTANT; THERE ARE SOME OF US WHO
SEE THEM AS CENTRAL TO THE NEW RELATIONSHIP THAT IS
DEVELOPING AMONG US.

-- WE SEE RAPID URBANIZATION AND POPULATION GROWTH

IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY OF THE HEMISPHERE;

-- MOST OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIES STILL FACE SERIOUS

PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, IN THEIR AGRICULTURE, MINING

AND MANUFACTURING, BUT MANY ARE ALSO INDUSTRIALIZING

AT A FAST PACE;

-- ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT BETTER ACCESS

TO MARKETS, TO INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND TO TECHNOLOGY.

16. DEMOCRACY NEEDS SOUND ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS TO

FLOURISH AND GROW. THE BASIC ECONOMIC ISSUES WE NOW

FACE AS MEMBERS OF A GLOBAL ECONOMY REQUIRE US TO

CONSULT AND WORK TOGETHER. I THINK WE CAN DO SO WITHOUT

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LOSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION. IF THE

NEW WORLD IS TO SURPASS THE RECORD OF THE OLD IN BASIC

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL RIGHTS, OUR CITIZENS

MUST BE ASSURED OF FOOD, WORK, AND SHELTER.

17. LIVING THROUGH CHANGING CONDITIONS, WE IN THE

UNITED STATES ARE CHANGING SOME OF OUR PERSPECTIVES.

WE HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT LEADERSHIP DEMANDS

FAR MORE THAN MILITARY MIGHT OR INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

OR POLITICAL POWER. LEADERSHIP MUST ALSO RELY ON TRUTH,

ON JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, ON MORAL FIBER.

18. ANY LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT THE UNITED STATES PLAYS

AS ONE NATION AMONG OTHERS WILL DEPEND ON THE EFFECTIVE-

NESS AND COMPASSION THAT WE SHOW IN MEETING THE NEEDS

OF OUR OWN PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY OF THE WEAK, THE POOR
AND THE UNFORTUNATE AMONG US. THAT IS WHY MY ADMINISTRA-
TION HAS GIVEN SUCH HIGH PRIORITY TO ENDING DISCRIMINATION
AMONG OUR CITIZENS AND PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT AND FREEDOM
OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE.

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19. NO COUNTRY CAN ALLOW PARTICULAR INTEREST GROUPS
TO CAPTURE NATIONAL POLICY AS THEIR OWN TOOL, WHEN
THEIR INTERESTS MAY NOT BE THOSE OF THE ENTIRE PEOPLE.
NOR, IN PURSUIT OF OUR INTERESTS ABROAD, WILL WE
ABUSE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SYSTEMS OR USE METHODS
OF MANIPULATION OR INTERVENTION THAT WE REJECT AT HOME.

20. WE SHALL FULLY RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE
DECISIONS OF EVERY PEOPLE. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A
PLURALISTIC WORLD WITH MANY DIVERSE RELATIONSHIPS;
WORKING TOGETHER REQUIRES RESTRAINTS ON POWER. MY
COUNTRY WILL RESPECT AND OBSERVE THOSE RESTRAINTS.

21. WE KNOW THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS HERE
IN THE UNITED STATES. WE KNOW THAT WE CANNOT SOLVE
GLOBAL PROBLEMS BY OURSELVES. BUT WE FIRMLY BELIEVE
THAT OUR NATIONS, ACTING TOGETHER, DRAWING ON THE SHARED
VALUES AND WISDOM OF OUR INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, STAND
A CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING, WHERE ANY OF US ACTING IN
ISOLATION WOULD BE BOUND TO FAIL.

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22. LOOKING AROUND THE WORLD, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE

ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH SO MUCH
EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THE INTER-RELATED PROBLEMS
OF PEACE, DEVELOPMENT, AND SECURITY. THE OAS HAS DONE
MUCH. ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE
LIVE, IT CAN DO MORE.

23. THE EFFECTIVE PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY OF THIS

ORGANIZATION, BASED ON THE RIO TREATY, HAS RECENTLY
BEEN STRENGTHENED TO MEET CONTINUING NEEDS FOR COMMON
DEFENSE. AS I SPEAK, AN OAS MISSION IS IN EL SALVADOR
AND HONDURAS. WE ALL HOPE FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT
OF THIS DISPUTE, WHICH PREJUDICES THE PEACE AND DEVELOP-
MENT OF CENTRAL AMERICA.

24. THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ALSO

SHOWS HOW NATIONS WORKING TOGETHER CAN ADVANCE SHARED
VALUES. MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE COMMISSION'S
WORK AND HOPES THAT ALL THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL
AGREE TO STRENGTHEN IT. IT CAN BECOME A MODEL FOR THE

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WORLD.

25. IN OUR INCREASED INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS, WE WILL

NOT IMPOSE OUR POLITICAL PREFERENCES ON ANY NATION. WE
ARE SUMMONING GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF

THE UN AND THE OAS AND THE OBLIGATIONS THEY HAVE

ASSUMED AS MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS

MUCH THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO TOGETHER. WE OWE IT NOT

JUST TO OUR VALUES BUT ABOVE ALL TO OUR PEOPLES.

26. OUR GLOBAL OBJECTIVES REQUIRE COLLABORATION WITH

OUR NEIGHBORS IN THIS HEMISPHERE, FOR YOU ARE A VITAL AND

CHALLENGING PART OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER THAT IS EMERGING.

LET ME THEREFORE TOUCH ON SOME OF OUR GLOBAL POLICIES,

AND SEE HOW THEY RELATE TO THE COMMON EFFORTS OF THE

AMERICAN STATES.

27. WE ALL KNOW TOO WELL THAT THE FUTURE OF THE

WORLD IS THREATENED BY THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS,

THE TRAFFIC IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND THE COSTLY

DIVERSIONS OF NATIONAL TREASURE WHICH THESE ARMS RACES

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INVOLVE.

-- WE ARE WORKING WITH OTHER NATIONS IN OUR

DETERMINATION TO HALT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR

WEAPONS CAPABILITIES. THE STATES OF LATIN AMERICA

RECOGNIZED THE DANGERS AT AN EARLY DATE; IT WAS YOU

WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE TEN YEARS AGO TO ESTABLISH THE

FIRST NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IN ANY POPULATED REGION OF THE

WORLD. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE TREATY OF

TLATELOLCO, AND WE ARE NOW REVIEWING MEANS BY WHICH

WE CAN ASSOCIATE OURSELVES STILL MORE FULLY WITH ITS

PROVISIONS.

-- PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

DOES NOT MEAN FOREGOING THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE ATOM.

WE SHOULD AGGRESSIVELY EXPLORE NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT

CAN PERMIT MANKIND TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR

ENERGY WITHOUT INCREASING THE DANGERS OF WEAPONS

DEVELOPMENT. WE INTEND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL OF

YOUR COUNTRIES TO MEET OUR COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION

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AND NUCLEAR ENERGY OBJECTIVES. (NOTE: NOT YET CLEARED

BY T/D).

-- FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS, WE ARE SEEKING GLOBAL

POLICIES OF RESTRAINT. AND WE BELIEVE THAT REGIONAL

AGREEMENTS AMONG PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF ARMS CAN

FURTHER THE GLOBAL EFFORT. THE PLEDGE OF EIGHT SOUTH

AMERICAN NATIONS TO LIMIT THE ACQUISITION OF OFFENSIVE

ARMS IN THEIR REGION IS A STRIKING STATEMENT OF GOAL

THAT IS BOUND TO BENEFIT THEIR PEOPLES AND SET A

STANDARD FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

28. ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL TRENDS OF

OUR TIME IS THE DIALOGUE NOW ENGAGED BETWEEN THE DEVELOP-

ING NATIONS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN PURSUIT

OF COMMON GOALS OF BROAD-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

ONLY THROUGH THAT JOINT EFFORT CAN THE ASPIRING PEOPLES

OF OUR WORLD OBTAIN THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS THAT ARE THEIR

DUE. THESE GLOBAL EFFORTS REQUIRE THE CLOSE

COOPERATION OF ALL OF US IN THIS HEMISPHERE. WE COUNT
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ON YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP IN THIS

NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND ALL THE PRESSING ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN IT.

29. WHILE GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CANNOT BE ADDRESSED

SOLELY IN REGIONAL TERMS, CERTAIN OF OUR POLICIES

ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OTHER AMERICAN STATES.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS WILLING TO CONSIDER, WITH

A POSITIVE AND OPEN ATTITUDE, THE NEGOTIATION OF

AGREEMENTS TO STABILIZE COMMODITY PRICES, INCLUDING THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR

FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS WHERE THEY ARE A PART OF

INDIVIDUAL, NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS.

-- WE ARE PURSUING THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIA-

TIONS. IN LINE WITH OUR GENERAL OBJECTIVES AT THE

MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, WE SHARE YOUR

CONCERN ABOUT THE EXCLUSIONARY EFFECT OF REGIONAL

TRADE PACTS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED

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COUNTRIES.

-- I HAVE ASKED THE CONGRESS TO MEET IN FULL OUR
PLEDGES TO THE MULTILATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS,
ESPECIALLY THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
OF THE WORLD BANK. I HAVE URGED SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR
THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

-- I WILL SOON ASK THE CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE
AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 THAT HAS THE EFFECT
OF EXCLUDING ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA, AS OPEC MEMBERS,
FROM THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES. (NOTE:
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-- AND, FINALLY, WE ARE DIRECTING MORE OF OUR
BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE NOW TO POORER COUNTRIES
NOT YET IN A POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IMPROVED
TRADE RELATIONSHIPS.

30. WE INTEND TO USE ALL AVAILABLE MEANS AND FORUMS
TO CONSULT ON THE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT ALL OUR
COUNTRIES ALIKE. I AM CONVINCED THAT, IF WE DO SO, WE
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WILL PROGRESS ON THE MANY NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IN A
WAY THAT REDOUNDS TO THE PARTICULAR BENEFIT OF THIS
HEMISPHERE.

31. WE ARE ALSO STRIVING TO RESOLVE SOME IRRITANTS
THAT HAVE AT TIMES INTERFERED WITH OUR HEMISPHERIC
COLLABORATION.

32. IN THE FIRST DAYS OF MY ADMINISTRATION I

DIRECTED A NEW APPROACH TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
PANAMA FOR A NEW CANAL TREATY. WE ARE SEEKING
ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FULL SECURITY AND
CONFIDENCE FOR ALL USERS OF THE CANAL, WHILE SATISFYING
PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS AND PROTECTING OUR OWN INTERESTS
IN THE UNINTERRUPTED OPERATION OF THAT IMPORTANT
WATERWAY.

33. IN A SIMILAR SPIRIT WE WANT POSITIVE AND CON-
STRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL STATES: NOT ONLY WITH
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, BUT ALSO WITH COMPETITORS AND
ADVERSARIES. TO THIS END MY ADMINISTRATION WILL WORK
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TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES, JUST AS
WE ARE NOW SEEKING NEW WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
CUBA IN A PROCESS THAT WILL BE DELIBERATE AND RECIPROCAL.

34. OUR SEARCH FOR MORE UNIVERSAL PATTERNS OF
COOPERATION MUST REACH BEYOND THE RELATIONS AMONG
STATES TO INCLUDE ALSO AN INCREASING RANGE OF PROBLEMS
THAT TRANSCEND NATIONAL FRONTIERS. THE ISSUES OF
DRUGS, ILLEGAL MIGRATION, AND CRIME CHALLENGE
TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS OF DIPLOMACY. YET OUR
COOPERATION ON SUCH ISSUES IS VITAL TO THE WELL-BEING
OF OUR PEOPLES AND WILL OCCUPY AN INCREASINGLY CENTRAL
PLACE IN OUR DELIBERATIONS.

35. LET ME CONCLUDE BY ADDRESSING A SUBJECT THAT IS

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO ME PERSONALLY. I HAVE LONG
BEEN INTERESTED IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS. MY WIFE
AND I HAVE TRAVELED IN MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA. THOUGH SHE MAY SOON GET THE EDGE ON ME IN HER
STUDIES, WE BOTH KNOW SOME SPANISH.

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36. IT WAS NOT UNTIL MY CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY,
HOWEVER, AS I TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES,
THAT I REALIZED THAT MY OWN COUNTRY IS ITSELF A NATION
DECISIVELY ENRICHED BY CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN
PEOPLES AND CULTURES. IN FACT, I BELIEVE OUR LARGE
AND DYNAMIC HISPANIC-AMERICAN COMMUNITY MAKES US ONE
OF THE LARGEST SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

37. IT USED TO BE SAID THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE
AMERICAS WERE ALIKE BECAUSE MANY OF THEIR PEOPLES HAD
ESCAPED FROM THE OLD WORLD AND STRUGGLED TO FORGE
A BETTER LIFE IN THE NEW WORLD. I THINK THAT TODAY
WE CAN ALSO SAY THAT WE OF THE AMERICAS, FOR ALL OF
OUR DIVERSITY, ARE INCREASINGLY BOUND BY TIES OF FAMILY
AND MODERN CULTURE AS WELL.

38. THESE TIES GIVE A UNIQUE QUALITY TO OUR RELATIONS.
OUR PEOPLES ARE STRONG AND RESILIENT. THEY SOMETIMES
UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BETTER THAN DO OUR GOVERNMENTS.

39. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DRAW ON THE STRENGTH OF THOSE

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TIES. AS I SAID TO YOU IN ATLANTA: "ALL OF US ARE

INEVITABLY BOUND TOGETHER BY HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY,

AND BY COMMON INTERESTS. BUT WE CAN NEVER JUST RELAX

AND TAKE FOR GRANTED HARMONY AMONG OURSELVES."

40. I WILL BE AS OPEN AND CANDID WITH YOU AS I AM

WITH MY OWN PEOPLE. I ASK THE SAME FROM YOU. IN

OPENNESS AND CANDOR WE CAN BE GOOD FRIENDS AS WELL AS

GOOD NEIGHBORS.

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